

Net Neutrality is not just about consumers being able to easily access content: The most important issue is maintaining the freedom of the internet as a means of publishing information. As the internet has become the single most important means of communication in 21st century America, losing the freedom of the internet threatens free speech entirely. The FCC must reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that ISPs cannot jeopardize the freedom of the internet with discriminatory policies. The idea that non-fast-lane quality of service will not be affected is completely flawed. It is inevitable that, to improve the proper functioning of their services, content distribution companies will agree to pay ISPs for use of fast lanes, as Netflix has already done. When enough companies do this, as they are being forced to do, enough speeds for content are increased that there is much less pressure on the ISPs to upgrade infrastructure in the non-fast-lane category, and as the quality of the fast lanes continues to increase, the non-fast-lanes will not evolve accordingly, and the gap between access to the internet as a means of publishing for those who pay up to the ISPs and for those who cannot will widen. When the slow lanes, as they would inevitably become, are so slow that they cease to even approach being reasonable means of publishing content, the internet will cease to be a free means of communication, and become a service ruled by corporate interests. Allowing the creation of the fast lanes will have the effect of perpetuating poor internet service quality. Users are demanding an increase in quality of service, and rather than meet this demand through investment in new infrastructure, the response of ISPs is to provide higher speeds on a selective, discriminatory basis. This leaves unsolved the real problem, which is that they are charging unreasonable prices for poor quality compared to what is easily accomplished in other countries. What is really going on is that the ISPs are manipulating the law to simultaneously allow themselves to neglect to solve this problem and to charge even more for internet access in the process as they add fees for fast-lane users.

—Mr. Theron Tarigo, Lagunitas, CA

New Neutrality is the only way to guarantee the survival of our democracy. The giant corporations already own our television and newspapers. They want to take over the internet, too, and they will because they can pay more.

—Dee Emrich, Arlington, TX

The internet has become vital to the lives of almost all Americans; it is necessary for most of us in terms of work, education, research, consumerism, entertainment, etc. ISPs should be and must be common carriers. Allowing for paid "fast" and "slow" lanes is discriminatory. It is imperative that the FCC use its regulatory powers so that the internet remains neutral and open. Giving a few giant corporations the power to decide who gets "better" internet is anathema to a free society.

—Janet Dunson, NY, NY

Net neutrality maintains an open channel for exchange of ideas and helps prevent monopolies which are detrimental to our democracies.

—John Atkinson, Los Altos, CA

The proposed rules would only increase the inequality that is this country's deepest problems. Money talks enough in the US as it is. We should not allow it to command privileges on the Internet.

—Julius Novick, New York, NY

Please classify ISP as common carriers. I believe that if goes through, people who are on a fixed income will suffer. The way it is now, FAIR. Please leave alone.

—Terry Ruediger, Lake Ozark, MO

Please don't let greedy corporations ruin the internet for my children.

—Matthew Jackson, Denver, CO

Internet must continue to be the same price for rich and the poor. The internet's fairness is one of our primary sources of evening the playing field across the world, it helps little companies compete with larger ones, it helps someones point of view go viral, it must be equal and accessible and as quick for all. I have seen the power of information that is accessible and available... please do not make it slower for the poor. Please, it is essential that it remain the same, for all.

—Judy Nelson, phila, PA

For many people in this country, the internet is how we access the services that are otherwise provided by common carriers. To ignore that, and treat the internet as though it is only an optional commodity, and not as though it is essentially a utility, is to damage the economy, innovation, and the lives of taxpayers for the short-term gain of some (already incredibly wealthy) businesses. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jessica Holman, Seattle, WA

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible

—Profet24, Saragoza,

Leave net neutral alone!!!!

—Donna, surfside, SC

We must keep the Internet free and a level playing field. Any other outcome guarantees that the free flow of ideas will be abridged.

—Janet Logan, Ellenwood, GA

I believe that we deserve the right to let companies live and die on the merits of their quality of service, and not whether they can pay to have the competitors harder to make use of.

—Aidan Murphy, Chicago, IL

The Internet was supposed to be the great equalizer - the arena in which anyone and everyone has a voice. Net Neutrality is freedom of information - taking that away is taking away a basic human right.

—Hanie Wang, Houston, TX

As an educator I am very concerned for my students who will not be able to afford the internet in their homes! It is a social justice issue, pure and simple!

—Susan Winchell, alb, NM

i don't want yal taking over the internet telling me what i can and can't do and restricting my freedom of speech Net Neutrality keeps the internet for the use of the people and not government overstepping its bounds under the guise of helping us.

—Joseph Blazek, Spring, TX

I pay for them to bring the data to me, why are they charging again to deliver it.

—James Porter, Binghamton, NY

It is imperative that the internet remain neutral. It is important that start-ups and aspiring entrepreneurs have the same opportunities as large corporations to do business on the internet. I fully support the idea that the FCC should cease and desist all talks of this so-called "two-tier system", which is blatantly and obviously a means to facilitate a form of discrimination, and instead reclassify broadband as 'telecommunications' under Title II of the Communications Act. I and many others think it would be best to designate internet service providers as "common carriers". Though, no matter how we solve this issue, this proposed "two-tier system" is just flat out wrong and I, along with many other Americans oppose the proposal vehemently.

—Joseph E. Crook, Virginia Beach, VA

The internet is a wonderful resource and monetizing it further will benefit service providers but harm the public. Thank you for respecting the sanctity of this precious resource.

—Darrik Carlson, Highland, CA

T.V. is controlled and provides a very narrow window to the world. Everyone deserves access to the knowledge that will broaden their horizons and make them more understanding, as well as confident.

—Melanie Jagdeo, Houston, TX



The best avenue of free speech and information must remain accessible to all. Keep the internet Neutral.

—Ellen, Rakvere,

This is my request that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers.

—Eric, Austin, TX

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect net neutrality. Help ensure that people are able to maintain equal access to all internet content, and don't allow internet service companies to charge more for fast access to content and services.

—Meghan Valentich, Pittsburgh, PA

New Neutrality is important because if the internet becomes like cable it will be forever destroyed. There is absolutely no reason to do this and it is completely a money and control grab for ISPs and communication companies. Stop moving America backward and do your jobs. You are supposed to be representing the public!

—Seku Brathwaite, Chicago, IL

I am for net neutrality. Throw out any rules or proposals that will change this. Also, reclassify ISPs as the common carrier.

—Maggie Watson, Mendocino, CA

Net Neutrality is of the utmost importance because the open forum allows for the sharing of ideas and opinions that can better society as a whole. The internet is a form of communication and expression that should be protected under the First Amendment.

—Christopher Gorgone, Worcester, MA

Please preserve net neutrality -- our democracy depends on it.

—Nicole Denison, Madison, WI

Stated simply, the absence of net neutrality guarantees that the 5% who now receive 80% of the income will be able to control mass communications in the USA. The fact that our Government could even think this is acceptable is unconscionable!

—Craig Safley, oceanside, CA

In this day and age, the internet is very important. It's how 90% of companies hire new employees. We use the internet to pay our bills and file our taxes. But now, the prices are so very high for basic service that most of the population cannot afford it. Those that can have to juggle bills around just to try making ends meet. Worst part of it all? The service that we pay for, the service that we need in order to be successful in this day and age, is the same service that will not work 90% of the time. On average, people will pay AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, and others anywhere from \$50/month to \$500/month for high speed service. Sadly, that service is not reliable because no one wants to hold these companies accountable. I personally have a connection with AT&T U-Verse. My connection is so poor, that I can barely watch a video, let alone submit a job application. But Why? I pay over \$200/month for their "basic" package. I call in to complain about the slow internet speeds every other week. I have technicians come to my home 2-3 times per month to "repair" my service... Let's take a moment though. The above statement... That's WITH Net Neutrality!! What will happen when this is taken away? Well, for one, my bill will skyrocket to \$500 or more per month, my service will be far less, and I'll probably have to rely on a library or work connection in order to even see Google... Please, we beg of you, make it stop! Make these companies accountable for their actions. Don't give them the freedom to screw us over more.

—Sara S, Hilliard, OH

Why would you want to mess with the internet when it is fine the way it is? You are allowing money (big business) to buy favoritism for themselves. We have enough of that!

—Willow Feigum, Glenwood, MN

The Internet was funded by public dollars and the FCC is supposed to represent the interest of the people. To do anything but declare that the Net is now akin to a public utility is counter to the public interest. It is especially a disservice to the administration's efforts to improve public education. Schools that do a great job at media, information, and digital literacy education use the Net in ways that would be devastated by allowing telecom utilities to provide a tiered service that would relegate poor school districts with limited budgets to a permanently inferior service. The claims of the companies who champion this fee structure are nonsense. The FCC's own current investigation will surely reveal that currently existing technology can provide more than enough capacity for all the traffic to travel at high streaming speeds. What are you going to do when you find that this is the case but the window for declaring the Net to be a public utility has closed because of your decision allowing a tiered pricing structure? Don't let that happen. Recognize the Net for what it is - a publicly developed critical resource for citizens living in a digital world. In my book, that makes it a public utility and declaring it to be anything else is an intentional deception that serves a few large corporate interests at the expense of the rest of us.

—Faith Rogow, Ithaca, NY

The net neutral internet is a powerful tool in fighting for freedom against corrupt governments. Looking at examples like Ukraine and Egypt we see protestors organizing and rallying through social networks. Our forefathers put in checks to give the people power in order to insure the people control the government, and not the other way around. Net neutrality is a powerful tool of freedom for Americans that insures free speech.

—Dexter Shankle, Bloomington, IN

Net Neutrality is important for me because the internet is my primary source of entertainment as satellite/cable has become too costly to afford. I let my satellite go in favor of companies such as Netflix and Hulu Plus because it's by far more affordable and much more user friendly. If you vote to remove net neutrality, you are basically spitting in my face and telling me that I, an American citizen (whom the overwhelming majority also support net neutrality), do not matter to you and instead you are siding with communications giants and of course, money. Prove your loyalty to the American citizen and vote down this proposed bill.

—Richard Lewis, sandy hook, KY

Maintain free and open access to the internet, without discriminatory pricing policies that will only hurt small business owners like me. If we all have to take the same highway to get to work, why would you treat different segments of taxpayers differently. Net Neutrality is important

—Bruce Asanoff, winter springs, FL

The USA created the internet as we know it (aka arpanet). If we allow ISP's to control who gets access we will become second to other nations who maintain an open internet. Do you want the next big thing like facebook to be something that comes from china or japan or worse. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. I dont use a landline phone anymore I have VOIP phone service. If you let the ISP's do what they want my bill will go up & as it is I only have ONE ISP (comcrap) & no other choice in my town & I live in chicago. DONT BE A TOOL FOR THE ISP's they are just like a phone company but can send more then just a call or fax...

—George Henry, Midlothian, IL

**DO NOT LET INTERNET PROVIDERS MESS WITH INTERNET DOWNLOAD SPEED!!! RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

—Katherine, MOUNTAIN HOME, ID

Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Nick, palmdale, CA

Corporate America should not be allowed to discriminate on the net, Preserve net neutrality.

—John Gray, SLC, UT

my entire class believes the internet is a place of free information and cooperation! save the internet! Keep Net Neutrality!

—Mikee Dorsett, Daphne, AL



Net neutrality is critical to leveling the playing field for EVERYONE, not only the rich. The rich already have better access to everything. Let's not include internet access.

—Tamara DuJardin, Maitland, FL

The Internet was built and financed by the American Taxpayer- There are now 5 or 6 huge telecom companies that own all radio, televised and written communication- This flat out stinks!!! War monger Collin Powell's son, Michael, as head of the FCC is responsible for this beheading of our Democracy- The only avenue for REAL News and Democracy left for an informed American people is the Internet- The Internet, again, bought, paid for and owned by the American taxpayer is A COMMON CARRIER and needs to be designated as such!!! Anything less is borderline treason and theft from the American people- The Internet, in short, A FREE Internet, is the last stand for Democracy in this once Great Land- Anything short of the Internet being designated as A "Common Carrier" is unacceptable to our Democratic values as A Nation and our Freedoms and Liberties as A People... Keep the Internet open, Free and designated as A "Common Carrier", nothing you do in life can be more important to our Country than this!!!! Regards, Stuart R. Sneed

—Stuart Rodney Sneed, Manistee, MI

Throw out the proposed rules ending Net Neutrality and keep the internet free from discrimination. If it isn't broken don't fix it!!!!!! For users it isn't broken. Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, and Time Warner make enough money as it is.

—Waite Campbell, Willis, TX

Dear FCC, NET NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE FUCK YOU, THATS WHY.

—Deon Griggs, Tulsa, OK

Net Neutrality is the last stronghold to the age of communication for the world. If internet providers are given access to control the amount of data for users, then it will be nearly impossible to disengage ISP policies from using this power for profitability. I value my freedom within the internet, and do not take well to someone regulating my access to an otherwise free platform, for their profit.

—Claudia Carbonero, Miami, FL

I'm a libertarian, and a realist. I believe in capitalism, but not unfettered. This is why I believe: 1. Internet is the utility of the 21st century, and should be treated/regulated like one. There should be one price/speed for everyone. If you consume more you pay more; the price is for the quantity, not quality. 2. Mobile is the appliance of the 21st century, and the only way it can access internet - the 21st century utility, is through wireless connections, and therefore net neutrality should apply to wireless as well as wired connections. Much of the innovation lately has been because of, and paralleled, the rise of internet. It is interesting to note that the hub of innovation - 'Silicon Valley is for net neutrality, while old established businesses like AT&T and Verizon - who see their control slipping away, are against it.

—Atul Barry, Seymour, IN

If the mammoth Comcast succeeds in buying chief rival Time Warner Cable, it will have unmatched power, It will have a monopoly on the Television and the Internet industries. monopoly *lməˈ nāpələ* noun (pl. monopolies) 1 the exclusive possession or control of the supply or trade in a commodity or service: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:I\\_Like\\_a\\_Little\\_Competition.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:I_Like_a_Little_Competition.jpg) A monopoly (from Greek monos μόνος (alone or single) + polein πωλεῖν (to sell)) exists when a specific person or enterprise is the only supplier of a particular commodity (this contrasts with a monopsony which relates to a single entity's control of a market to purchase a good or service, and with oligopoly which consists of a few entities dominating an industry).[2] Monopolies are thus characterized by a lack of economic competition to produce the good or service and a lack of viable substitute goods.[3] The verb "monopolise" refers to the process by which a company gains the ability to raise prices or exclude competitors. In economics, a monopoly is a single seller. In law, a monopoly is a business entity that has significant market power, that is, the power to charge high prices.[4] Although monopolies may be big businesses, size is not a characteristic of a monopoly. A small business may still have the power to raise prices in a small industry (or market).[4] The FCC has to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Lonnie Avery, Greenville, NY

Please do not create a 2 tier system. The internet is good the way it is and changing it the way proposed would open it up to much manipulation. Keep ISPs as common carriers.

—David Van Dame, SALT LAKE CITY, UT

i think it's quite obvious

—Jesse Lucas, Portland, OR

I am applaud by the greed that is being demonstrated by the cable companies in their attempt to further influence how consumers use the internet. I support an open internet and hope it will remain the same without the unnecessary interruption by the cable companies, who will have the ability to legally slow down service in order to push their own internal initiatives. Hopefully the FCC will listen to consumers and not cable companies who already have a monopoly on the market in several areas. We are already at their mercy in every region because we have no option but to choose them as our provider. In other countries, internet service is a lot lower, faster and reliable. This only shows that the cable companies are motivated by greed and don't care about consumers. If they consider or care about the impact this will have on consumers we would not be having this conversation.

—Delroy James, Cooper City, FL

The internet should remain free and open. It should have limits where you have to pay for a micro-transaction to get a slightly faster speed than other people. It shouldn't be controlled by the US or any government, it should be equal and fair to everyone around the world!

—Orlando Andersson, Schenectady, NY

the knowledge should be available to all EVEN the poor!

—William Brown, Jonesborough, TN

There is not multiple lanes for my crapper, or my faucet, my electric or my road ways. THERE SHOULD ONLY BE ONE EQUAL SPEED FOR ALL ON THE INTERNET!!!!

—Robert Birch, Orlando, FL

Putting the internet ISPs up as ANYTHING other than what it is, a common carrier is INSANE. If it LOOKS like a duck and quacks like a duck, and waddles like a duck, it's 99.999+% certain it IS a duck, and not an alien from outer space disguised as a duck. ISPs are common carriers. They should be REGULATED as such. The FCC should handle the regulation. If the ISPs don't want to BE regulated, let them find a different business to be in. SIMPLE as that. The cable industry is acting like a low-competition industry, scaling back investment and plowing its profits into dividends and share buybacks and merger efforts. NOT making it a common carrier will only make this trend WORSE. As it is now, there are many rural areas and even big cities where we are light years BEHIND countries like South Korea! Come on! Do something RIGHT! Regulate these turkeys! DEMAND minimal services to customers, period!

—Kimberly C. Rife, Milford Center, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me as a citizen, consumer and servicer in United States. As a citizen, equally sped access to news/educational content and news/educational content I created on the Internet has made it and will make it more possible that this country will have a more informed citizenry to think critically in decision making, prioritize and better resolve issues in a democratic republic government. I believe this could save lives and improve the quality of life. As a consumer and servicer, equally sped access to commercial content and commercial content from me throughout Internet brings about innovation and jobs, which improves the US economy to be on par with or better than other nations in the global economy. I disagree with the FCC approval of the proposal on May 15, 2014 related to paid priority on the Internet as currently written. I strongly urge the FCC to reclassify the broadband Internet Service Providers as common telecommunication utility carriers. Please do this reclassification as soon as possible with sufficient enforceable regulation.

—Joel V Fears Jr, Daytona Beach, FL

The Internet will lose its tremendous power to promote education, innovation, and participatory democracy if we let service providers treat content differently depending on how much content providers can pay. The big service providers want to squeeze even more profits out of people and businesses any way they can. Don't let them. Protect Net Neutrality.

—Anais Tuepker, Portland, OR



Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler and Members of Congress: These proposed rules would destroy access to all to vital information. Allowing internet service providers to SLOW DOWN access to media & information unless one pays top dollar does not make sense the majority of Americans -- who use the internet for access to news, education, entertainment, money, communication with loved ones etc. Hurting their ability to access these products and services or reduces the quality of their experience - will continue to frustrate, alienate and dehumanize our lower economic citizens. Additionally this proposed ruling reduces competition for currently established heavy weights in the space, hurts non profits and all of us humans from the reduced creativity and thoughtful voices when they no longer have the tools to create or be found and heard. I am therefore urging the FCC to scrap these proposed rules and instead restore the principle of online nondiscrimination by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service.

—Mary Baker, Marina Del REY, CA

The FCC has allowed plenty of consolidation of Communication companies to the point of dismal service. We are talking near monopolies here. This can't happen to the internet. The ISPs must be reclassified as common carries and the FCC must REGULATE them rather than ok every change of rules these ISPs desire!!!

—Jerry Goggiel, Vacaville, CA

Their most likely will be many adverse consequences to allowing the oligopoly of US internet providers to charge additional fees for the on ramp. I am strongly against giving these companies even more powers. They already make money hand over fist and there is no justification for removing net neutrality.

—Leslie Murphy, Erie, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because when I grow up, I want to make games. For these games, I want to have a website for my developers to post updates on the games, have a merchandise store, etc. Without Net Neutrality I wouldn't be able to afford the premium that I have to pay to Comcast, and I wouldn't be able to run the website unless my game got famous, which is incredibly hard to do. If nothing else, isn't this America? Isn't this nation built off of the principles of freedom and equality? We fought a war from 1861-1864 over equality. Currently, we are fighting another one against a monopoly. Please name one competitor to Comcast. I challenge you to do that.

—Nick Mazzaro, Cleves, OH

It's a disgrace to the freedom of information to charge people for use of the internet on pre delegates websites like it's television. This is just another way to keep the people who are economically challenged down and keep the rich richer and the poor poorer.

—Charles Brandon Tribble, Las Vegas, NV

The FCC's proposed internet rules are anti-American bullsh\*t!!! No, No, No!!!

—Nicholas Takach, Tulsa, OK

Open communication, and dialogue, much like education, is and should be a right of the American people. This is what makes us great. This is what enables us to make innovations, discoveries, and file new patents. We are able to watch the same netflix shows together on the nights we want, easily, and discuss them the next day at international meetings where we need common ground. We need net neutrality for reasons as complicated as open dialogue and free educational videos, and as simple as being able to share small moments on youtube with each other that we can use to relate. Giving massive corporations control over how people can access it and how quickly is bad for small business, bad for students, and bad for government. If this country is for the people, then the internet should be as well. It should be for the people, not the corporation/monopolies.

—Diana Farnsworth, Anacortes, WA

Net Neutrality helps me communicate with family across the country as well as my school work. But now you want to charge companies like Skype and others to get data to me quicker. It's a Shame congress continues to sell out to corporate greed and lobbying schemes. There is a lot to improve upon in this nation, but we are more worried about lining the pockets of CEOs and these cable monopolies. Net neutrality is what makes the Internet so unique, everyone has equal opportunity. The Internet is not like an airplane where there are first classes and economy seating. Please keep net neutrality for the sake of future generations and for equality on the Internet.

—Stephen, Leicester, NC

if approved, these rules would mean the end of net neutrality!

—Eugene O. Swartz Sr., silverhill, AL

Initial capital helps you have a better life standards, human history is based on inheritance. Internet is the material transposition of many fundamental rights such as freedom of speech and equality between humans. It is the best way every human on Earth can communicate with eachother (even if the NSA records it). If capitalism as it works now fully takes over this tool, it prohibits us from drawing a new and more efficient world (which seems to be a critical issue for the forthcoming years). If the cost of infrastructures were to prevent operators from generating profits, I believe the ICANN (for the US) could find a solution (helping build a more efficient network thanks to the money they received when they sold the new generic top level domains). Regarding the infrastructure itself, as it seems to be the critical point on the fast lane side, operators should prioritize economies of scale every time they can, partnering with their competitors in building the best antennas and satellites.

—Maxime Getten, Bordeaux,

Free Speech, protect the little guy

—Bonnie Hanmore, Midland,

I believe the internet should be reclassified as a common carrier so that it is regulated like other utilities. Americans now rely on the internet daily for news and information and most pay an adequate if not high price to the ISPs for the service. We talk a lot about free speech in this country, and the internet is our greatest example of that right. Steps should be taken to protect this right of expression by prohibiting ISPs from introducing fast and slow lanes to consumers since we are already paying for their services. We are more than just consumers and have a right to use the product we are paying for without being herded like a bunch of sheep.

—Annette Beatty, Belding, MI

In my opinion, Fair use of the internet for all citizens is extremely critical for the health and progress of our country. This cannot become a service based on "haves" and "have nots" while our mega media corporations become ever more powerful and richer. We live in a high tech area 1/2 mi from the city limits. We have no cable access other than satellite. We only have wifi internet service that is very expensive and does not allow us enough speed for my husband to continue working for a company that is moving their work tasks to home based Internet. WE also cannot stream videos. There has been no improvement or expansion to our services in the 30 years we have lived in our house, yet there is a high speed dal line that goes thru our back yard to the school down the road. We cannot tap into using it because the Provider reportedly has told township officials " we don't handle residential customers"! These townships have been divided up by media providers. Our area is apparently designated a Comcast area, but there is no Comcast service and no other competition is allowed. This is extremely unfair in my opinion. I urge the FCC to designate the Internet a COMMON CARRIER and start encouraging big media companies to expand services to all!

—Susan Ericksen, Ann Arbor, MI

Fairness is a rare commodity. We have it on the internet. Why would we want to lose it? Please define this service as a utility and regulate it as such.

—Ellen K Tutt, Camden, AR

internet ftw

—Kyle Maclean, Nottingham Road,

Like roads and telephones I cannot imagine a future where a content neutral, basic level of access, is not available to most people that use the internet.

—Michael A Shawl, Verona, WI



Net Neutrality is the last bastion of democracy. With every other communication medium becoming economically more expensive and its content manipulated and monitored, the Internet is all we have left to find the truth and announce our opinion. With the abolition of Net Neutrality, the ISPs will have the power to stifle free speech. The Internet will transform from a diverse, rich rain-forest into a toll rigged highway with paid billboards, and where our travel, exits and entrances will no longer be in our control.

—Ash Ingole, Why, PA

The internet is not broken so there is no reason to make rules trying to fix it! Cable companies are the only ones who can benefit from the loss of neutrality and everyone else is blatantly against it. There is really no reason that these changes to the internet should be considered. Keep the internet free! Throw out these rules and classify ISP's as common carriers!

—Shamiko L Muldrow, Homestead, PA

As a business owner net neutrality is important to me for customers to find my website and for me to stay up to date on my profession. Net neutrality is critical for competition and innovations in business and subsequent revenues that circulate throughout market places.

—Christine Marr, Silver Spring, MD

Don't allow the highest bidder to take over this critical cultural, educational, and social resource. Please consider internet providers public utilities and stop this power grab.

—Samuel S Matthews, Stinson Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to me. It represents what the United States of America should stand for -- the people and not huge companies who want to monopolize and take advantage of the citizens of this country. We cannot tolerate this. Thanks!

—Gina Palmer, Atlantic Beach, FL

An internet community to share ideas helps us grow as a society. We further our knowledge, gain perspective, and shape our character by reading comments, blogs, articles, etc from around the globe. It is crucial to have equal access to all ideas, and creating "fast lanes" indicates that those in the slow lanes will not be heard. I hope the FCC will reclassify broadband internet access as a telecommunications service to preserve net neutrality.

—Nicholas Prisco, College Station, TX

Don't allow the super rich to control the internet. They control everything else and apparently they just still aren't satisfied. If the FCC hasn't already been bought and paid for then they'll listen to the people and keep the internet fast and free. Just because the internet poses a threat to a select few big businesses doesn't mean you can filter what WE THE PEOPLE want on OUR internet. YOU CANNOT POLICE A PLANET PEOPLE WILL GET ANGRY IF YOU MESS WITH THEIR INTERNET!!!

—Cris, Colorado springs, CO

NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL!!! NO SLOW SPEEDS FOR THOSE WHO CANT AFFORD SUPER RICH PREMIUM PRICES. YOU ARE LIMITING THE INTERNET FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS ALL JUST TO MILK US CIVILIANS FOR MORE AND MORE MONEY!!! JUST LEAVE US ALONE!!! Unless the government and the FCC have been bought and paid for(which we all know they have) they will listen to the people and allow net neutrality...

—Matthew, Colorado springs, CO

It is important to keep the internet open and accessible. Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. United States is about being competitive. It cannot have monopolies on the exchange of information.

—Phil Di Leo, San Francisco, CA

Please enforce Net Neutrality! An internet service provider should not have the power to determine if any legal internet traffic is more or less important than any other legal traffic. The internet provider should be an unbiased party simply providing a service equal to all using it. Eliminating net neutrality creates a hugely unfair and unreasonable advantage to those with money and bias towards smaller companies by for-profit companies that would act only on the basis of money. Internet service providers already have an oligopoly (and a monopoly in some markets) that have already almost completely eliminated competition and increased internet processing fees to higher than in the majority of the rest of the world. Please KEEP NET NEUTRALITY.

—Karen Lane, Knoxville, TN

I support Net Neutrality. I do not support two-tiered fast lanes. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Thank you

—Bob King, Oakland, CA

I am not an expert, just a citizen who tries to stay well informed. I make it a point to read four different news publications each morning, each with varying perspectives. I am deeply concerned with any change that would place restrictions on my access to information. De-regulation of television and radio have already caused the media to become deeply biased by financial gain rather than personal integrity. Free press is a fundamental part of our country's foundation and must be protected. As we now stand, I must work a little harder to get quality news but it is available. If regulations cause internet traffic to be restricted because of corporate interests or financial burdens, it would be equal to censorship. Regardless of intention, there can be no occasion when censorship of the news will become standard policy. I have a close friend from Prague who once told me that, "for a free country, America has a lot of rules." What example would we be setting for the world if the United States puts limits and censors on the internet? Please leave the internet alone. Let people exercise their judgement rather than have restrictions put in place to bind them.

—Sarah Stuck, Franklint, TN

Dear Mr. Wheeler: The ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality is to throw out the existing FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your consideration!!

—Laura Sternberg, San Jose, CA

Net neutrality is vital to the free and open exchange of ideas that the internet provides. You will break the promise of the internet by allowing companies to put specific services on a fast track. Please keep the internet fair. DO NOT SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WILL ALLOW PROVIDERS TO ALLOW CERTAIN COMPANIES MORE BANDWIDTH THAN OTHERS.

—Daniel Feinberg, Malibu, CA

I strongly agree with the concept of net neutrality. Internet access is a requirement of modern living, for both rich and poor. Because of this, ISPs should, must be reclassified as common carriers. Removing net neutrality would create a nation, once again, of haves and have nots. Those who could not afford "premium" internet access would be cut off from significant portions of the Web. There should be no preferential treatment for those who can bid up the price for fast connectivity and effectively block less wealthy sites from the superhighway. There should be no relegating sites to bumpy country roads sites when their points of view differ from the ISPs. The internet has become the most important medium for businesses, government and issue-based organizations to reach the public. Its size and importance will continue to grow for the foreseeable future. Net neutrality must be preserved, in order to allow the free flow of information and opinion, which have been the bedrocks of our democracy. When such content is filtered out by money, power or by the interests of the ISPs themselves, we are several steps closer to the kind of totalitarian state that we as a nation have rightly deplored. I urge you in the strongest terms to reject Chairman Wheeler's plan. Instead, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your attention to this crucial issue.

—Edward James Lipchus, Reading, MA

It is unfair for the FCC to prioritize predatory cable corporations, like Comcast, for internet usage. These companies need to be compelled to play fair, not handed more advantages than they ever offer to their customers. I am outraged by the FCC's intention to end net neutrality!

—Irene Derosier, Seattle, WA

Everything will be connected. The future is for everyone.

—Mark Arntson, Seattle, WA



Prove the conspiracy critics wrong quit trying to stifle diversity.

—Harry Grothjahn, Maryville, TN

There are a lot of things going on in the world. We need to make sure that people have access to that free flowing information without being inhibited by corporations who seek to spin coverage and mislead the general public about the truth. News corporations lie and distort facts as it is. The internet allows the critical thinker to look at different sources of information to form their own opinion. Stifling this free flowing information is very similar to Nazi Germany in which tyrannical governments used propaganda to persuade citizens to think in only one direction. This is not what American principles were founded upon and would only further divide this nation and create a situation for more violence and more polarization. Freedom should be used for its intended purpose! Freedom!

—Eugene Stovall, Oakland, CA

I'm not a strong speaker but I'll try. Since the internet came about it has been about the exchange of data, ideas, even freedom. The ability to comment on stories and give your two cents. To speak in a chat room about reform, news, anything you wanted. Now it seems to become that we should block or slow connections with ideas or stories that would hurt us or broaden certain horizons. The United States takes big pride in being the leading competitor for everything be it technology, innovation, even being the most helpful to all countries that need it. Not so anymore. We lag behind in broadband connections, our technology is slowing, and we aren't known as being the top innovators anymore. We need net neutrality because when everyone can share ideas and have one place in this world full of criticism, hate, and liars that we can be ourselves, we feel free. The one freedom we still hold onto is our ideas and they are being throttled and there is nothing anyone can do but try to reason with the ones who run our country when they work for their own interests and not the Peoples. I implore you to think about what the new bill would do to the freedom and flow of ideas and hope you keep it free.

—Taylor Cheesman, Tucson, AZ

ISPs MUST be classified as common carriers. The people of the United States of America (including myself) DEMAND it! Do NOT approve Tom Wheeler's plan to create a "fast lane and slow lane" for the internet.

—Dane Michael Bartlett, Pleasant Grove, UT

The US is already lagging behind the developed world with internet speeds and price. These new rules will only make it worse. How about doing something for the citizens of this country rather than big corporations and promote net neutrality instead of stifling it.

—Anthony McSloy, Albuquerque, NM

My family lives on the other side of the country. My home phone is carried through internet lines. If my elderly parents call me, I would like to know that their phone call isn't being delayed or denied because I cannot pay for premium internet service.

—Malakay Betor, Richland, WA

Having some people have adequate access to the Internet and others not so adequate access is just wrong.

—Tony Cooper, Tallahassee, FL

Revoking net neutrality would be like providing continuous, clean water to those who can afford to pay more while allotting limited access to everyone else. Or it would be like providing quality, continuous electrical service only to those who have enough \$\$\$ to pay for it, while subjecting everyone else to less reliable service. Information is power. The Internet, today, is a primary source of researchable information. Therefore, the Internet provides a primary route to power. To SELL any advantage for \$\$\$ is NOT acceptable. Rather, this currently neutral source of information must remain so for a Democratic society to function. If that means classifying it as a public utility, then let it be so. The revocation of Net Neutrality will irreparably harm the Internet and stifle new ideas. Without the speed to compete, smaller companies with great ideas will be at a disadvantage. In addition, news outlets will find themselves at the bottom of the information pile, hurting the voices of journalist everywhere. The Internet has been a means of sharing information with everyone, for everyone, by anyone. You are creating a monopoly for ISPs which will completely stifle the ability to not only innovate but compete against multimillion dollar corporations. It is unconscionable. Those with money should be the ones who have a faster, better quality voice? I do NOT think so. It is much like "Citizens United" (legalizing the SALE of political favor) and it distresses me that the Obama administration would allow you to take such a position. This situation reminds me of our former President George W. Bush placing oil and gas industry executives in charge of our nations foreign and energy policies. If your loyalties are with Big Business and the Telecom companies, you're NOT doing your job for the people of this country. Under Net Neutrality, business and regular people BOTH have all the access we have. Without Net Neutrality, only Big Business has it. It is clear what a difference it would make in who will best survive and thrive. Such an uneven playing field is NOT conducive to a healthy Democracy/Republic. Your "newspeak" about what you plan to do is UNACCEPTABLE. Absolutely no one with two brain cells to rub against one another believes otherwise. Your proposal INSULTS the intelligence of every regular citizen and internet user in this country. I am retired and promise you that I will not rest until this apparent MONEY-GRAB is either defeated or overturned.

—Barbara Blough, Chicago, IL

"Dear FCC, we need real net neutrality. Protect internet users from monopolistic ISPs and don't let companies censor, slow down, or block websites while requiring other sites to pay for faster service. Please stand up for all Internet users and our right to communicate."

—Holly, Westminster, CA

NET NEUTRALITY has everything to do with the First Amendment. If you get rid of it, then freedom itself will be History, truly and, sadly enough, a thing of the past.

—Edward Luce Cernuschi, NEW YORK, NY

Company's fundamental to the development to not only the internet community but the world itself began as startups that would fail without net neutrality. All bits are created equal. This principal is the cornerstone in the success of sites like Reddit and Wikipedia, which promote free information and arming the public with knowledge. To create an environment where certain groups can deter traffic to information by putting arbitrary tolls or limiting bandwidth is nothing short of tyranny. Tyranny goes against everything that is American. The flood of innovation that the internet has created, in every industry and field from astrophysics to the arts and entertainment is threatened by hindering net neutrality. It's the fcc's duty as an agency of the people to fight for our rights. Our right to free information. To limit this right is to send us back to dark ages where knowledge was for the aristocracy. I demand as a citizen protection from such a fate.

—Michael Whittier, Fort Worth, TX

Hello, this is Senator Barack Obama and today is Thursday, June 8th, 2006. The topic today is net neutrality. The internet today is an open platform where the demand for websites and services dictates success. You've got barriers to entry that are low and equal for all comers. And it's because the internet is a neutral platform that I can put on this podcast and transmit it over the internet without having to go through some corporate media middleman. I can say what I want without censorship. I don't have to pay a special charge. But the big telephone and cable companies want to change the internet as we know it. They say they want to create high-speed lanes on the internet and strike exclusive contractual arrangements with internet content-providers for access to those high-speed lanes. Those of us who can't pony up the cash for these high-speed connections will be relegated to the slow lanes. Allowing the Bells and cable companies to act as gatekeepers with control over internet access would make the internet like cable. A producer-driven market with barriers to entry for website creators and preferential treatment for specific sites based not on merit, the number of hits, but on relationships with the corporate gatekeeper. If there were four or more competitive providers of broadband service to every home, then cable and telephone companies would not be able to create a bidding war for access to the high-speed lanes. But here's the problem. More than 99 percent of households get their broadband services from either cable or a telephone company. So here's my view. We can't have a situation in which the corporate duopoly dictates the future of the internet and that's why I'm supporting what is called net neutrality.

—Dr. Marc Irving Weber, Newhall, CA



Net neutrality is a cornerstone of free speech. We cannot allow this to end! An open internet is a must have in today's world to maintain this cornerstone of our constitutional rights.

—Mark Fletcher, Tupelo, MS

We need net neutrality. We do not need the corporate giants once again holding the reins of our lives. ISPs are common carriers and should not be held once again in public hands not corporate.

—Rebecca Voll, Kennewick, WA

We need a Net Neutrality to create a free, competitive and innovative internet. Not only internet but a free, competitive and innovative world! Please fight for the people and keep the internet neutral. Don't let Comcast and the few other ISPs to bully companies into an unfair market place.

—Matthew Stoner, Lancaster, PA

We don't want rampant discrimination online!

—Dr. William Wiest, Portland, OR

The internet should be NEUTRAL for all. Money should not be able to influence in the way that eliminating Net Neutrality promises to. This is disgraceful, shameful and contrary to the public good. How can people, CEO's and Board Members excuse this failing of morality? How do they not understand what is at stake and how they will be judged far after they're lives have ended? I don't understand how you can completely forget about your fellow man and excuse attempting to exert this type of control over a global means of connectivity and freedom despite the internet's ugly side. We will see what truly results of this and hopefully it does not come to pass or is not as dire as it seems to be.

—Daniel Valenzuela, El Paso, TX

Please do not cause a digital divide. We already have an economic, cultural, religious and geographical divide. Digital divide can be avoided through net neutrality.

—Arun Kumar, Bangalore,

Since the market is becoming more mature and only a few private corporations have a tremendous amount of control over the Internet, Net neutrality now needs to be enforced by string regulations. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Renaud Paquay, Redwood City, CA

Net Neutrality enables people around the world to access the most powerful tool and resource for human knowledge for a fair, lower and equal price. Blocking out the internet for those of lower income is terrible, as they can use this to diagnose diseases, opposed to going to a doctor's office where they cannot afford to see a doctor. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers now, before more damage is dealt.

—Chase Alexander Shilling, Colorado Springs, CO

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington D.C. 20554 June 19, 2014 Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners Clyburn, Rosenworcel, Pai, and O'Rielly: I urge you to throw out your own rules and instead reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. Telephone Service Providers are classified as common carriers. It is appropriate and correct to reclassify Internet Service Providers the same as Telephone Service Providers. I write to express my support for a free, open, without discrimination Internet. Over the past twenty years, citizens and innovators in the United States have created countless Internet-based applications, content offerings, and services that are used around the world. These innovations have fueled economic growth for the United States, created enormous value for Internet users, and made our Internet companies global leaders. The innovation I have seen to date happened in a system without discrimination. In addition, an open Internet has been a platform for free speech and opportunity for United States citizens and users across the world. An open, without discrimination Internet is essential for future economic growth and free speech in the United States. The long-standing commitment and actions undertaken by the FCC to protect the open, without discrimination Internet are central to why the Internet remains an engine of entrepreneurship and economic growth for the United States. I understand that the FCC intends to propose and pass rules that would enable phone and cable Internet Service Providers to set up a system that discriminates both technically and financially against US citizens and Internet companies and to impose new tolls on them. These new rules and this new system will only serve the interests of phone and cable Internet Service Providers. They will not serve the interests of all United States citizens. I urge the FCC to ignore lobbying and writings of the National Cable and Telecommunications Association, NCTA. Instead of permitting individualized bargaining and discrimination, the FCC must protect the interests of all US citizens on both fixed and mobile platforms against discrimination, blocking and paid prioritization, and should make the market for Internet services more transparent. The FCC must provide a fair playing field and certainty to all Internet market participants and all United States citizens. The FCC actions will determine the future economic growth of the United States and the Internet. I urge the FCC to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Internet remains a free, open, without discrimination platform for commerce and speech for all United States citizens. I urge the FCC to reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. I urge every Federal Communications Commissioner to do your duty and serve the interests of all United States citizens. I thank you for your consideration and support. Regards, Sandra Hoffstrom Electrical and Software Engineer, Project Manager and Internet Innovator  
—Ms. Sandra Hoffstrom, Minneapolis, MN

Dear FCC, your job as a government agency is to protect the public from large corporations like Comcast and Time Warners not to enable them to make more money at the expense of the public. You must protect net neutrality. We are already behind on our internet service so please do not take a step backwards while other nations are moving forward.  
—Michael Yin, Atlanta, GA

To Whom It May Concern: I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed Internet Service Provider rules. I believe they will create a tiered network that will hinder technological development and result in increased costs to consumers. Please throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.  
—Brady Vickers, Williston, ND

The internet needs to be an even playing field. Wealthy corporations will be favored and smaller businesses will be marginalized if there is no net neutrality. The internet has become the beautiful thing it is because it has been neutral since its inception. Please don't let big money come in and change something so vital to our society. Why try and "fix" something that isn't broken?  
—Raj Thapar, West Orange, NJ

FOR THE PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE !!! NOT FOR THE RICH AND BY THE RICH !!!  
—Chris Nearhood, Clyde, OH

There is only Net Neutrality. Don't ruin this FCC.  
—Sarah Unhappy, Cleone, CA

The lack of competition would kill innovation in all tech and media space. Money will determine distribution of information. Please keep the Net Neutral for our economic future  
—Mike Sims, Tallahassee, FL



I don't want companies to be biased and favor a political agenda over another.

—Marc Mora, Bensenville, IL

This shit's crazy. This shit's CRAZY!

—Justin Berke, Duluth, MN

Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you hopefully.

—Victoria Grubbs, San Diego, CA

The current "fast-lane" plan is not net-neutrality. The FCC should hold strong to its original plan of treating ISPs like common carriers by actually designating broadband internet as a title II common carrier telecommunication service. Consumers need more ISP choices and a market that will allow new providers to enter.

—Victoria Morrison, Denver, CO

As a student of AP US History this past year, I learned about the problems that railroad operators caused when giving special rates to corporations instead of the common farmers. They were then reclassified as common carriers, providing fairness to all people. The same needs to happen to internet service providers. ISP's without net neutrality would give preference to certain kinds of traffic, which would ultimately restrict creativity simply for a larger corporate profit while the consumer suffers. It goes against everything the internet stands for and net neutrality is the only thing that would maintain innovation among the upcoming generation. Please, reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.

—Chris Ayoub, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is very important where everything is already downgraded for those who can afford this is a absolute outrage to even consider approving this just for corporations money hungry fools.

—Ivan Hernandez, zephyrhills, FL

Because a free and open internet is an all American ideal. It enables people to see the world, to go shopping, to perform travel research; it allows communication between continents!! The world is connected by the internet, if you try to control it for financial gain, then you will only hurt the people that it truly helps the most. Also, it has not gone unnoticed that you, Mr. Chairman are essentially the fox guarding the hen house, your position is a sham, a farce, a disgrace. The fact that anyone allowed you to hold the position you currently hold is completely shameful. How did anyone expect that you would protect the interests of the people against your former employers??? The FCC used to be a force to be reckoned with, now it is a laughing stock, bought and sold by the highest bidders. Maybe this would be a good time to restore your reputation with the citizens of the United States! The FCC needs to do a great many things to fix what's broken in this country. First - reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. THEN remove the monopoly hold that they have and allow this country to do what it does best, compete, innovate and practice capitalism!! END the monopolies!!! It is crippling our ability to compete with the rest of world, allowing everyone else to blast by us, leaving the U.S. in the dust! And it is NOT something to be proud of!

—Kim Hensley, Stockton, CA

Ending Net Neutrality is wrong. Do what's right, not line your pockets.

—Isaac Working, Mesa, AZ

It is extremely important to me that the major internet providers do not have the power to control my internet speeds based on usage or whatever criteria they decide to use to not provide competitive pricing and maximum internet speed. I have been paying top dollar for the "fastest" internet service and it has been horrendously slow especially at arbitrary times. I am pro net neutrality. The present conditions are unacceptable.

—Lydia Fox, Alpharetta, GA

The internet is not just freedom of speech, but also a tool for many individuals and companies. If the internet is censored, or slowed down, in any way people and companies won't get what they need. People will be less interested in buying computers, surfing the web for important information, and receiving important updates. Companies that provide internet services will suffer because people will not visit/use web services (since the internet will be tampered).

—Daniel Coffman, Mansfield, OH

Reject this dangerous bill! The United States no longer stands for the Freedoms it has long been loved for. The Constitution and rights of the people are diminishing. PLEASE STAND AND FIGHT!

—Candace Butler, white settlement, TX

Please help protect the vital role of small businesses and entrepreneurs in our economy by insuring they have a level playing field with a Neutral Internet. Please support the FCC's efforts to maintain Net Neutrality and prevent Internet Service Providers from restricting or excluding internet traffic they carry based on any pay or preference measure. All internet traffic should be carried equally, allowing our burgeoning technical entrepreneurs to continue to raise this country's economy. Sincerely Bryan Vest

—Bryan Vest, Menifee, CA

Dear FCC, It is unacceptable that you are headed to developing a multi-tiered internet, slow speeds for those that can not pay ever escalating fees and quick speeds for the rich -- we do not want winner and losers on the Net. We want Net Neutrality!!! Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Lora Chamberlain, Chicago, IL

I, for one, Senators, have not sold my soul to the company store as you have, so I am repulsed by your willingness to throw away my rights for a few rubles. I resent your willingness to make me a serf, and I believe that losing Net Neutrality would do just that.

—Esther Allman, Frankfort, IL

If you throw out net neutrality it'll point us toward a corrupt future

—Don, hunter, NY

The internet belongs to the people of the world. I do not endorse or believe Tom Wheeler's plan will protect the rights of individuals (natural persons ~ not corporations) to unfettered internet content. The mega-corporations involved in the transfer of internet transmission and content already have way too much power. A fundamental principle of the internet should be that all Internet traffic is handled and treated equally. Net neutrality is embedded in the foundational architecture of the Internet, and it has served us well. Because of net neutrality, an email from a relative about the status of my terminally-ill mother should be in my e-mail inbox as quickly as an email from my bank. Because of net neutrality, the website for the small neighborhood hardware store loads just as quickly as that of a mega retail chain store. Please do the right thing. Preserve net neutrality. If Tom Wheeler and his supporters win, the internet shall never be the same.

—Lori Crawford, Jupiter, FL

Everyone should have access to the internet. Eliminating net neutrality would allow large corporations to control and censor the public. I find it completely unconstitutional. The public should have the right to be able to have affordable access to the internet. There is no real basis for the what internet costs and is left up to companies like Comcast to decide. It will be a sad day for America if we end net neutrality. Please do not let this happen. We are a nation that prides itself on being able to voice our opinions freely and ending net neutrality will take that away from millions.

—Rebekah Khan, montpelier, VT

I am a fixed income poverty person and I have a mix of receiving communications. I have a landline, I have a cell phone to talk to my children living far away. I have analog TV and Broadband internet service. I cannot afford to pay more for the internet.

—Holly Bolliger, Troy, NY



I'm a hard working, tax paying, American citizen and I support net neutrality. Too much, in this country goes to "those who can pay". What's next?! Food and water, oxygen, freedom?

—Brian J Szymurski, Upper Chichester, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want to start my own website and I will never be able to compete in a world with different lanes! Please reclassify the internet as a telecommunications service and maintain Net Neutrality! Verizon and Comcast are jerks and you know it! No one wants the new two-tiered internet. NO ONE. SO PLEASE DON'T DO IT. And make it impossible to ever come close to happening again. Thanks :)

—Kyle Lunt, Wilmington, MA

Net Neutrality is a very bad idea to allow corporations such as Comcast and Time Warner Cable to coopt the power of the internet more than they already have. To make legal the ability to have faster service only for super media companies is very very wrong and unfair-no playing field for ordinary consumers and no competition. Don't do it!!!

—Susan V. Stratton, Marblehead, MA

With many of our rights being taken from the US citizen this is just one more being taken if there is no net neutrality. I as a citizen of the US have a right to net neutrality without big corporations. They will just increase costs with is hard to manage with the high costs of everything else. I have a right to privacy even though others in government think otherwise

—Paula Morris, fenton, MO

I strongly support net neutrality. The only entities that stand to gain by the new rules are the Internet service corporations that will make money by charging for the privilege of using the faster tier. The public, as well as small businesses, will lose, as usual. The proposed new rules amount to another form of censorship. I want net neutrality, and will be very unforgiving of any politician, political group or faction that votes for these new rules. Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—T McPherson, Portland, OR

Our rights to connect and communicate — via universally accessible, open, affordable and fast communications networks and devices — are essential to our individual, economic and political freedoms. But all too often powerful phone, cable and Internet companies — and the government agencies they collude with — trample on these rights. We must protect the principles embodied in the Declaration of Internet Freedom — freedom of expression, access, openness, innovation and privacy — to preserve our rights. Yet these principles are under constant attack.

—Meral Sarper, Pueblo West, CO

Net Neutrality needs to be maintained in order to foster the kind of innovation and competition in the information marketplace that we've enjoyed since its invention. Ending Net Neutrality would mean that the likelihood of another Amazon, or Google, or Facebook being invented would diminish to the point of vanishing.

—Stephen Cochran, Mount Vernon, IN

Net neutrality is an important democratic virtue, entitling everyone to equal access to information sent and received in the world wide web. The FCC needs the authority to ban fast lanes, reclassify ISPs as Title II common carriers, and protect all users of both wireless and wireline from the profiteering telecom monopoly that works the lines as a lucrative source of monopoly rents, charging the highest prices in the world, while delivering the slowest internet services. The Internet is crucial to our nations well-being and should be offered as a public service; an investment in the common good. The governance of the web needs to be distributed to the entire global community of stakeholders representing business, civil society, academia and governments, so it can take into account of the interest of all, guarantee essential freedoms, and protect against abuse.

—Marsha Sorensen, Ashland, WI

The Internet is many things to many people. For businesses, It is a platform to start and grow, allowing them marketshare and popularity not possible through any other medium. For users is an area of free speech like no other, allowing anyone and everyone to freely express their thoughts, emotions and opinions on any topic. This is a plea that you will not allow preferential bandwidth and all data will remain equal!

—Angus Moloney, Falls Church, VA

Keep the internet open so that ideas and intellectual capitol can run free. Your proposed plan would limit expression and creativity.

—Joe Creedon, Norfolk, MA

I think that Net Neutrality should remain so that large companies such as Comcast can't charge more for certain things such as streaming movies. I think there should be a constant rate whether there is a petabyte being transferred or a single bit.

—Robert Mahiques, Freedom, NY

The corporate control of internet content is a dystopian crime. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Mary Paine, Mount Vernon, ME

The internet is a beautiful system of communication, and must stay open and neutral so that we all have equal opportunity to business and expression of opinions. Destruction of the Open Internet would damage the economy and violate our freedom of speech. With our lives so dependent on the Internet, we need to ensure our rights come first.

—Alexandra Crane, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality allows small internet start up companies to compete on an even playing field with well established companies. Making a two-tiered system doesn't allow companies that don't have the money to flourish in the same ways that these already rooted companies were allowed to. The 2 tier system would give large companies an unfair business advantage.

—Ryan Perard, Tucson, AZ

If the end of net neutrality comes it will be the end of the free and fair internet

—Harold Cortez, White Bear Lake, MN

Net Neutrality is important to me and everyone. Without it cable companies would be able to openly discriminate against companies who do not bend to their "rules" or who cannot afford their high prices. Keep the internet a fair playing field for everyone.

—Coleton Tipps, Matthews, NC

The internet is democracy in action. A two-tiered internet where big corporations deliver fast content and everyone else delivers slow content goes against everything the internet has always been about. It's bad for providers, it's bad for consumers. I support net neutrality and I oppose fast lanes.

—Chance Kaye, Hayward, CA

DO NOT LET SPECIAL INTEREST WIN

—Bakermanb@yahoo.com Baker, milton, NY

I strongly encourage you to reject a multi-tiered internet. It is a disservice to consumers who browse and shop online, it is a disservice to entrepreneurs who start new businesses, it is a disservice to small companies that are trying to grow and reach a larger market, it is a disservice to our economy which is still trying to recover from the recent recession, and it is a disservice to our country, especially now that more and more people get their news and stay in touch with friends and family through the internet. Please maintain 'net neutrality' and guarantee equal access to everyone. Thank you.

—Bret Thompson, Portland, OR



Either people rule in this country or corporations do.

—Bruce Bulman, Evansville, WY

I want my son to grow up in a world where his access to both bias and unbiased information is not restricted by big money corporations like I see cable television network broadcasting has become

—Heather, Ketchikan, AK

Maintain Net Neutrality. It is the most basic and important of our technological rights

—Francois Nehama, Miami, FL

The internet is not broken!!!! Don't mess with it. It works beautifully without government interference, leave it alone!

—Bart Lawson, Pittsburg, KS

Prevent further monopolistic practices. Foster competition. Please protect net neutrality.

—Dan McCarthy, Marblehead, MA

As more and more access to society and to services depends on access to the internet, the idea that the wealthy could pay for better access is a disturbing development. Please pay attention to the overwhelming majority of people who want to maintain net neutrality.

—Jesse Koplowitz, Washington, DC

Protect net neutrality. Don't allow internet companies to make fast lanes. Why is this even an issue? Do not allow tiers. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The companies claim this isn't an issue, and days, DAYS after a judge threw out net neutrality, the first agreement giving a company fast lanes was made. Protect net neutrality.

—Jonathan Watterson, West Jordan, UT

It is ONLY through net neutrality that people across the globe are able to research, learn, share vital information about what's happening on a whole host of issues. Without it, the POWERFUL with abundant resources can outpace and veritably SILENCE those without those resources...making access to diverse information and views highly unlikely! WE NEED NET NEUTRALITY NOW MORE THAN EVER!!!!

—Judi Bryan, BARTLETT, IL

if even the creator of the internet says this is wrong, you guys are doing something real stupid. You've been relentless on trying to do this, and we've never given up. Internet should stay free, because it's a form of information and connection. It's some peoples LIVES. Paycheck taxes have already gone up, you're gonna add on more fees while minimum wage is below the standard of living? You're being money sucking leeches and this generation has had it with your BS.

—Chyenne Bertrand, Lafayette, LA

We already pay quite substantial fees just to access the internet. It's wrong for people to have to pay additional money to access their favorite websites. More importantly the Internet is a vital place for virtual businesses and freedom of speech. I can't help but feeling charging fees for access to certain types of websites will infringe on people's rights. Please keep Net Neutrality.

—jessica M ohlson, lansdale, PA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality and fostering competition of Internet providers is important to me as an American Citizen and tax payer. We need equal and unimpeded access to all areas of the Internet to prevent large well funded organizations from monopolizing what we can see, learn and share on the world wide communications network that is the Internet. Once large organizations are given the ability to pay for preferential treatment, eventually they will drown out all who do not agree or cannot pay.

—Gordon McLellan, Manistee, MI

Net neutrality is important to keep the free flow of ideas and information secure for everyone. Also, those who over internet services do not own the internet and should not be able to charge extra to access different websites. Censorship of ideas is bad or at least holding them hostage at the end of a price tag. The withholding of ideas will easily put more people behind. Recently this country had been focused on education and why more and more children are failing. It is because of the federal government not allowing teachers do their jobs properly. The same will be true of the net if net neutrality is lost. Yes, the net is messy but we have all seen where bureaucracy has gotten us. An education system that keeps falling behind the rest of the world, A healthcare system going bankrupt, a government that is in serious debt. If the net loses its neutrality then it will be the beginning of the end of it.

—Mark Murphy, Lakeland, FL

As a student accessing some sights would get expensive. Not only am I paying my way through college, housing, and food, now you'd like to add internet access to the checklist. I pay for my internet through a provider and I pay every month, I should not continually be harassed on what sites cost me money to access.

—Faith, Gardnerville, NV

I find that there are too many parallels that can be drawn to the days of segregation with this new proposal. In addition to my experience with what happens when a major company holds all of the cards and has no reason to listen to you, I cannot support this proposal.

—Gilbert Gardner, Reisterstown, MD

The internet should be classified and regulated as a common carrier and should be accessible to everyone equally and affordably by all.

—Laura Kranis, Somerville, MA

Net neutrality is fundamentally important in the essence of uninterrupted streaming of whatever I choose to watch on the net.. if it becomes unbalanced the cable companies will be given the power over what the user is watching. It ends the internet as we have known it since the 90s and we as end users should never agree to this..

—David Lowry, Valrico, FL

I thought it was "free" speech, not "fee" speech. The internet shouldn't be owned. It's a free forum for everyone.

—Caitlin Casal, Lee's Summit, MO

The Internet is the greatest invention ever!

—Sam Youssefinia, Texas, TX

Because internet should be as accessible to low-income families as it is to rich ones.

—Sara Hyneman, Glasford, IL

Let's keep an equal internet!

—Josh ORourke, Portland, OR

Do not sell internet access to the highest bidder! Keep the Net Free!

—Wallace Stanfill, Laguna Woods, CA

Net Neutrality is a safehold for the continued propagation and freedoms of information.

—Keiran Anderson, Kingston,

I like to browse through my internet WITHOUT having to pay ridiculous fees.

—Aeron, Fort Worth, TX



The Internet shouldn't be turned into a commodity the way that most things have by capitalism thanks.

—Luca, Brussels,

Es un derecho de todos, no solo de los que puedan pagarlo.

—Adahi Gallardo, Zihuatanejo,

I'm a freelance artist and must use the internet's services to gain an income. Also, I have an anxiety disorder, which limits how much I can go out and meet people. If it weren't for the net, I would be socially deprived. If I lose access, I will lose contact with my best friends who live across the country.

—Kayden Kane, Watauga, TX

Too much power to the "big guys" to discriminate against low income users. Please protect net Neutrality!

—Dorothy Hawkins, Laguna Woods, CA

Don't destroy open and equal communication by allowing providers to discriminate against those who can't pay extra fees for a fast internet. The proposal is is absurd and corrupts the original purpose of creating the internet!

—Virginia L Owen, Bloomington, IL

It is important to me so that in the future when I graduate from college I can afford to keep in contact with my online friends without having to release my private number out into the world.

—Becky Brinck, Sioux City, IA

Dear, sir/madam If net neutrality is lost we'll be slaves to to the corporations who want nothing but to destroy our right to the internet. Which the UN has declared a basic human right, need i remind you. If this is passed, the government will be taking away basic internet to people who need it. We already have to pay for things on the internet like for shopping or advertising a buisness or paying taxes. So please protect our free internet and dont let it succumb to those who want to destroy what we know if it.

—Tyler, Bartow, FL

Doing this will it make it harder for people to afford/access certain websites, but it will make it harder for small businesses and amateur websites to continue running online. The world wide web won't be so world wide if people can't access certain sites because they don't want to pay an extra \$50 to access it. For example: I know a family that is poor and can barely afford the laptop they use now. If their child needs to search something for school to do homework, or if the father needs to access something for his job, it will be harder for them to use the web due to this rule.

—Jillian Jessica A., Leeds,

Eliminating Net Neutrality is a form of extortion.

—Brianna Howe, Worcester, MA

As a college student, I can easily share my art and get my work out there for free! Networking is so important to my future carrier path, I can't afford it to be taken away

—Sara Kipin, zelienople, PA

The internet needs to be classified as a common carrier technology. Anti-net neutrality policies are effectively extorting both content providers and end users. And end users will end up paying for the difference in service no matter how it is applied, because content providers will pass these added costs on to their subscribers.

—William Gustavson, Worcester, MA

FCC, drop the Fast Lane plan. It's the same old story of big money buying exclusive privileges, leaving the rest in the dust. If executed, the plan would totally destroy net neutrality, and with that threaten free speech, free information, and everything that stops society from becoming the nightmarish dystopias we read about in the likes of 1984. Drop the Fast Lane plan, and keep the 'net a level playing field for all.

—Jennifer Lee, Alameda, CA

Please protect net neutrality and don't allow ISPs to charge fees for certain sites.

—Kendra Leigh Speedling, Bloomington, MN

There is absolutely no benefit to the end of net neutrality other than allowing companies to form a monopoly on connections to the internet. This monopoly wouldn't just keep everybody from watching Netflix or Youtube with comfortable speeds, but also stifle the creativity of video game creators and modders, as well as outright killing the slowly blossoming market of e-sports. We're just beginning to create new and awesome technology that would let us use the internet in so many awesome ways, but they'll all be rendered useless if internet providers are able to charge more for access to and use of these technologies. The end of net neutrality has so many costs and so little benefit, it's really not in any way worth it. If you have any sympathy for human creativity and progress, don't let net neutrality end

—Alexander Gouge-Schajer, Burbank, CA

The Internet is providing us with a democratic medium that we've been lacking for decades. Please don't let it become another medium for people with money like the television. I truly feel that this is our society's last hope as a functioning democracy. Do the right thing! Enforce net neutrality. Permanently.

—Lisa Wright, San Francisco, CA

this is completely ridiculous like if some kids want to go on youtube their parents wont want to pay 10 dollars to give them access so then productivity of the internet might go down and have companies lose money because of less visitors as a tiny example, this is just ridiculous please dont do this.

—Millie, alemroach, TX

Monopoly of the internet means no access for ordinary people. I want to be able to go to any website I please. I fear the day I criticize government/corporate collusion then my door kicked in for criticizing this collusion. I could be in the situation where my water is tainted and be forced to suffer in silence and just try to live on my saliva alone!

—Laurie Ann LaGoe, Alexandria, VA

The world wide web won't be so world wide if we can't access certain sites! It is not fair to people who won't be able to afford that  
**NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT**

—Gisela, Dallas, TX

Get real - and GROW A BACKBONE and DO YOUR JOB - start protecting the Internet and NOT THE BIG GLOBAL CORPORATIONS!!! Keep it free and open - as it was intended--- reclassify the ISPs as COMMON Carriers.

—Yanah G Cook, Roy, WA

I don't want two-tiered Internet which would allow service providers to pick winners and losers online. I support net neutrality.

—Nancy Short, Gladstone, MO



"We have it in our power to begin the world over again. A situation, similar to the present hath not appeared since the days of Noah until now. The birthday of a new world is at hand." This is a quote from Thomas Paine's 1776 work titled *Common Sense*. American Literature Professor Jessica Mintz explains, "...in that work he [Paine] expressed optimism about America and its potential...he was comparing the 'new world' of America to the world after the flood when Noah got a 'second' chance". Upholding the FCC rules on Net Neutrality to maintain the OPEN Internet is our second chance. Failure to do so means we are repeating the mistakes of our own past. The Financial Interest and Syndication rules were designed to protect the ability for independent voices to be heard. Repealing them has had detrimental effects: It opened the door to media consolidation in traditional media which allowed a mere handful of companies to dominate the entertainment industry and shape the news and information that gets to the American public and the world. Until the Internet, a viable distribution alternative to traditional media has never existed. This is our 'second chance' to give diverse voices the opportunity to partake in the molding of the American perception and perspective. In 1776 our Nation was born. In order to guarantee the promise of this new land of opportunity and freedom where the principles of Democracy would reign, our forefathers established some clear rules for us to live by: They wrote our Constitution. In 1789 The Bill of Rights was established. Its Preamble states that the Bill of Rights was introduced "in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of powers". In December 1990, Tim Berners-Lee created a new land of opportunity and freedom where the principles of democracy SHOULD reign: He created the Internet. Now we need rules in place to guarantee its freedom. We need Net Neutrality rules because it is the responsibility of our government and its agencies to establish some clear rules for us to live by in this new space "in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of powers". In 2011, senator Al Franken of Minnesota defines Net Neutrality as "...the very simple idea that all content and applications on the Internet should be treated the same. Regardless of who owns the content or the website." Net Neutrality means keeping the Internet, as we know it: Free and equal. An open Internet drives innovation. In an article in the *Writer's Guild of America's* November 2009 issue, Robert Eisele reminds us that, "A college student started facebook in 2004. The phenomenal success of Ebay began on a hobbyist's personal website. Google was created in a garage. A graduate student invented Netscape. This is free market at its best. If policymakers embrace this entrepreneurial spirit and codify freedom of the Internet, the entire world stands to benefit." If we don't protect our freedoms in this new space, this new land of opportunity, we will effectively block independent entrepreneurs from being able to start up any businesses and compete fairly on anything resembling an equal playing field. According to Joseph Torres, government relations manager for Free Press in Washington DC, by the end of 2009 the ISPs had already poured millions of dollars and had sent hundreds of lobbyists to DC in order to prevent legislation from being established that would limit their growth. Why? Simple. According to *Racewire* 2009, it is because "...the big telecommunications companies...want to create an effectively segregated online community where they will act as our gatekeepers". According to a July 28, 2009 *New York Times* article, "It is not unlawful for a company to gain control of a market. It becomes unlawful if the company engages in conduct to exclude or harm competitors with no business justification.... The goal of the [Antitrust] laws is to protect consumers by promoting competition". According to a December 9, 2009 *USA TODAY* cover story titled *An Internet open to all, but controlled by none*, "The ISP business has also changed. Owing to advances in technology...ISPs today can selectively block or degrade any online application. They can also slow down to a crawl any transmission-such as movie download-that might compete with their own for-pay content. And the potential for ISP meddling ramps up sharply in the face of big media mergers...." *Racewire* 2009 reiterates, "This threat to Internet freedom isn't hypothetical". One ISP company, *Racewire* continues to report, "got caught blocking text messages...[another] has illegally interfered with file-sharing..." And a November 29, 2010 *New York Times* article reported that one of the same ISP companies was "...charging a new fee that puts Internet video companies at a competitive disadvantage..." The ISPs argue that they need this control in order to continue to build the Internet highways. But, Daniel Weitzner, Principal Research Scientist at MIT, argues in his 2006 paper *The Neutral Internet: An Information Architecture for Open Societies* that "it is possible to preserve the neutral, non-discriminatory essence of the Internet, without sacrificing future growth of new Internet services and other broadband infrastructure". In *Network Rules* by Associate Professor of Cardozo School of Law, Susan P. Crawford concludes that "...providers' [ISPs'] claim is not merely that they own their own networks, but also that their ownership dictates their participation in whatever profits flow from use of their broadband...." In other words, not content with charging us to connect to the Internet, ISPs want to get a piece of the profits by owning the content and prioritizing its delivery...hence the vertical integrations via mergers. 'Own and hoard the content and hijack its modes of distribution' seems to be their monetization model. We need Net Neutrality rules because it is the responsibility of our government and its agencies to establish some clear rules for us to live by in this new space "in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of powers". Any entity that hoards information and hijacks its modes of distribution is "misconstruing and abusing its powers" consequently shattering the very heart of our freedoms as guaranteed by the First Amendment to our Constitution: "Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances". All of these freedoms we currently enjoy in our new land of opportunity called the Internet. It is our duty as Americans to protect them. Works cited: 1- Paine, Thomas. *Common Sense*, 1776. 2- The Constitution of the United States of America. 3- Bill of Rights and the Preamble to The Bill of Rights. 4- Franken, Al. "Senator Al Franken Defends Net Neutrality." *Free Press*, 2011. 5- Eisele, Robert. "The Last Days of the Internet." *Writer's Guild of America* Written By magazine, November 2009. 6- Malkia Cyril, Chris Rabb and Joseph Torres. 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—Ruth Livier, Los Angeles, CA

It is important that our country has a free flow of information and ideas. That is how our founding fathers won independence from Britain, with pamphlets like Thomas Paine's "Common Sense". The Internet is the modern day pamphlet and must not be restricted.

—Matthew Drill, Delray Beach, FL

I believe that the FCC should classify Internet service providers as a "telecommunications" service similarly to how it does with telephone service so that common carrier rules apply.

—Katherine V. Whitestone, Newark, DE

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—Chloe M. Whitestone, Newark, DE

A free and open Internet would be indicative that the US is a democracy, with access to this form of communication open to all..equally. A tiered Internet, with preferred access to those who can afford it, would confirm that the US is no longer a democracy, but rather a plutocracy. Where do you stand? With the plutocrats or the people?

—Linda Ahart, West Roxbury, MA

Net neutrality is a must. Approving anything else would be un-Godly. The FCC is already failing our humanity by allowing filth to be freely broadcast before 9 pm. I prefer my dirty jokes and adult language available AFTER I've responsibly sent my child safely to bed. Please don't fail us on this Unfair "2-lane Internet" proposal as well. Thank you.

—Melodia, Albuquerque, NM

>A large amount of our news comes from the internet. >Forms of propaganda can rise >False info could be displayed >bad news/threats could be hidden >A blind world is a bad one "Don't fix what's not broken" To me, this just screams a form of communism/socialism

—Brandon Losee, Lehi, UT

I am against legislative and regulatory efforts to end net neutrality. This would bestow an advantage to the biggest, wealthiest companies, stifle competition and innovation, and reduce consumer choice. It is the American people who these companies will pass their higher costs along to—no wonder they support it. Large internet service providers like Comcast will improve their market position, eliminate rivals, and increase profits, all at no cost to them except what they pay to lobby Washington. I feel strongly that the internet needs to remain a level playing field. Please do your part to help.

—Julia parsons, arlington, VA

Hi, my name is aditya. Im not a terrorist but I need my privacy. I want to hear both sides and find the truth for myself. I want free internet and free media.

—Aditya Hariharan, Bangalore,

Internet service should be treated as a utility because it is an essential service (communication) from which no one should be excluded. Your proposed rules fail to recognize this undeniable fact. Please accept reality; abandon these rules and reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.

—Joan Loring, Hamburg, NY

Do not allow companies to discriminate against online content and applications. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect net newtrality.

—Maria Wyatt, Long Beach, CA



Please protect our internet neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.

—Lotte Hoffman, Laguna Woods, CA

Am an online gamer, on a fixed income, who is also thinking about finding a way to pay for Hulu Pulse and maybe also Crunchyroll (For watching anime). That said if net neutrality, goes away I don't know if I will be able to afford Hulu Pulse or Crunchyroll, but worse then that I will most likely have to give up online games like Diablo 3, RIFT, and Neverwinter. They are all games that I love and enjoy playing with my friends. I am also very concerned about how this could affect internet reviewers, who talk about comic books, movies, games, and just about anything that you can think of. Now let's say that a big cooperation doesn't like the options of an internet review, who has just talked about a movie, game, comic book, whatever. Unlike most of the people out there who give option based reviews, a big cooperation has a lot of money and clout to throw around, giving them the ability to limit or take away the free speech of someone else if they don't like what they are saying about a given movie, book, game, or something else.

—K J. Storm, Fargo, ND

Please protect the neutrality of the Net and do not succumb to pressures from lobbyists who want to gain favored access and speed for their clients. You risk destroying one of our most valuable assets -- equal access to a major communication network in our country.

—Marcia Goldstein, Laguna Woods, CA

This is unfair to those who can't afford much but decent internet. It's worldwide, shouldn't it be free to view sites too?!

—Rebecca, Santa Clarita, CA

Equal access is net neutrality.....NOT what you're proposing.

—JoLynnhillips, Grand Junction, CO

Following the appeals court decision, the Federal Communications Commission has the power to stop Internet providers from selling bandwidth to the highest bidder. Reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service and preserve net neutrality before it's too late. Protect equality. Protect innovation. Protect consumers.

—Ebony Barnes, Oklahoma City, OK

Knowledge should be available to everybody, not just those who can afford it. That's what the Internet was originally created for, right? To share information around the world easily and cheaply, so that anybody could look at it. To force us to pay to search queries on Google, to check a fact on Wikipedia, to watch tutorials on Youtube, to check our e-mails we give out to be contacted by future employers, to buy things for our friends and families on Amazon and E-Bay, would be ridiculous and, frankly, preventing us our basic human right to learn new things that education could not!

—Megan, Newport,

Hello, FCC, Right now you may be wondering why those of us regular folk are moaning and bitching about what you plan to do to the Internet. Well, it has nothing to do with not wanting to pay up for a premium ride with our \*very good\* and perpetually equitable and magnanimous friends at Comcast and AT/T - although I can't speak for everyone. No, the heart of the matter to those of us who use the Internet daily to work, keep in touch with friends and family, express our views, have fun, and educate ourselves on the world around us goes far, far deeper. For when a powerful few try to effectively regulate what is the largest format for individual discovery and interaction in the history of the entire human race (no exaggeration!), then that is when I know that this isn't about me as a consumer of digital content anymore. I wish I didn't have to say this to a government body that I have trusted for so many years, but this is nothing less than baldfaced corporate greed and I promise you, it WILL have a severely detrimental effect on the future of human communications, and to a larger extent, the increasingly connected human race. Please, Federal Communications Commission, reconsider what you are doing before it's too late to turn back. Sincerely, Eric T.

—Eric, Stamps, AR